

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor: A. Durand et al.  
Application No.: 10/532,193  
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Title: Simplified Method For Renewing Symmetrical Keys in a Digital Network  
Examiner: K. Shepelev  
Art Unit: 4133  
Customer No. 24498  
Confirmation No. 8417

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for responding to the office action mailed on November 14, 2008. The period for response extended to March 14, 2009. The charge for this extension of time is being debited from Deposit Account 07-0832 by using EFS-Web. Any other fees owed in connection with this response are to be charged to this Deposit Account, as well.

In response to the office action of November 14, 2008, the comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.